GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:233
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BODO TERROTORIAL COUNCIL
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps; so far taken for the constitution of Interim Bodo Territorial Council;

(b) the time by which the Council is likely to be constituted; and

(c) the nature and extent of powers and autonomy to be vested with the Council?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) & (b): The Government has already introduced the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2003 in Lok Sabha on 9.5.2003 for creation of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) in the State of Assam.After passage of the said Bill, at interim Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) will be constituted.

(c): The Council shall have legislative, executive administrative and financial powers in respect of 40 subjects entrusted to them. The other powers as available; under the provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution shall also be available to the BTC mutatis mutandis, with suitable modifications as agreed to in the Memorandum of settlement signed on 12.2.2003 by the Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger.